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SUBJECT: DRAFT AGENDA FOR DECEMBER COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 10-11 COUNCIL  
MINISTERIAL MEETING, WHICH IS ON AGENDA FOR NAC DISCUSSION  
NOVEMBER 16.

I. (INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING)

II. ATLANTIC RELATIONS

III. REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

(A) EAST-WEST RELATIONS

(B) THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

IV. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE STATIONING OF  
UNITED STATES FORCES IN EUROPE

V. THE GENERAL STATE OF CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AND CIVIL DEFENSE  
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PREPAREDNESS IN 1972/1973

VI. COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. DATE, PLACE, AND SCOPE OF NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETING

IX. COMMUNIQUE

2. THE FIRST ITEM, INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING, IS IN BRACKETS PENDING COUNCIL DECISION ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE PRACTICE BEGUN AT JUNE 1973 NAC MINISTERIAL. MISSION FAVORS REALISTIC RPT REALISTIC BRIEFING TO FOCUS MINDS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON SECURITY ASPECTS OF THE ALLIANCE. (THERE IS NO INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING ON DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA.)

3. WE BELIEVE OTHER ITEMS ON THE DRAFT AGENDA ARE APPROPRIATE. ITEM VIII ON THE DATE, PLACE, AND SCOPE RPT SCOPE OF THE NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETING IN SPRING 1974 WOULD ALLOW THE SECRETARY A SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS ALONG THE LINES HE BELIEVES MOST USEFUL. THE SECRETARIAT SEES THIS ITEM AS RELATED DIRECTLY TO THE QUESTION OF NATO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. SYG LUNS OR ANOTHER DELEGATION MAY SUGGEST THAT MINISTERS COME TO THE DECEMBER MEETING WITH SPECIFIC THOUGHTS ABOUT THE CELEBRATION. IF SO, SUCH A SUGGESTION WOULD BE IN LINE WITH OUR LATEST INSTRUCTIONS, STATE 205001.

4. AGENDA DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY SEPARATE ITEM ON THE MIDDLE EAST. SECRETARIAT ASSUMES MIDDLE EAST WOULD BE A MAJOR ITEM OF DISCUSSION UNDER ITEM III, EITHER UNDER "EAST-WEST RELATIONS" OR "THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN." PLEASE ADVISE ANY WASHINGTON VIEWS ON INCLUSION OF MIDDLE EAST AS SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM.

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